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SUBJECT: WEST BANK LEADERS REJECT GOI STATEMENT ON FUTURE OF  
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. SUMMARY: WEST BANK LEADERS ACROSS A WIDE SPECTRUM HAVE SHARPLY  
REJECTED THE GOI CABINET DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED  
TERRITORIES. COOPERATION IN BEGIN'S AUTONOMY PROPOSAL IS  
CATEGORICALLY REJECTED AS LEGITIMIZATION OF THE OCCUPATION.  
SUPPORT FOR THE PLO IS REAFFIRMED. PUBLIC STATEMENTS IGNORE  
U.S. POSITION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON THE WEST BANK, PUBLIC REACTION TO THE GOI CABINET  
DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES HAS BEEN  
SHARPLY NEGATIVE. "ASH'AB" CARRIED REACTIONS FROM A WIDE  
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SPECTRUM OF THE MAYORS JUNE 20.

3. SHAKA' (NABLUS): "HOLLOW WORDS. THE STATEMENT DOES NOT TAKE  
INTO CONSIDERATION THE POLITICAL AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS.  
LIMITED AUTONOMY IS A UNILATERAL PROPOSAL WITH WHICH  
PALESTINIANS DO NOT AGREE." SHAKA' TOLD CONSUL GENERAL  
JUNE 19 THAT HE FOUND NOTHING NEW IN THE CABINET'S DECISION.

4. HANNOUN (TULKARM): "THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR PERIOD WOULD ALLOW A HALF-MILLION ADDITIONAL JEWS TO SETTLE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THEY, NO DOUBT, WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE ON THE FINAL STATUS OF THE WEST BANK."

5. QAWASIMA (HEBRON): "WE HAVE REFUSED THE IDEA OF AUTONOMY FROM THE BEGINNING, CONSEQUENTLY ANY ELABORATION IS LIKEWISE REJECTED. THE DIALOGUE CONCERNS ISRAEL AND AMERICA, NOT US."

6. HALAF (RAMALLAH): "NOTHING NEW. SUCH A RESPONSE WAS EXPECTED FROM BEGIN...WHO WANTS BOTH PEACE AND LAND... WE RAN FOR CITY COUNCILS AGAINST CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND AUTONOMY BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED IT LEGITIMIZATION OF THE OCCUPATION...NO ONE LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION--MAYOR OR THE ORDINARY CITIZEN--CAN SPEAK FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE PLO IS OUR SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE... IF BEGIN DESIRES PEACE, HE MUST GO TO GENEVA, SPEAK WITH THE PLO, RECOGNIZE AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AND AGREE TO A SOLUTION OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IN ACCORD WITH UN RESOLUTIONS."

7. DAOUD (BEIT JALA): "ANY SOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT RECONGIZE THE PLO AS THE LEADER OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN NEGOTIATIONS WILL FAIL. ANY ARAB STATE REPRESENTS ONLY ITSELF. THE AUTONOMY PROPOSAL IS REJECTED CATEGORICALLY; WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY ASPECT OF IT SINCE IT CONSOLIDATES THE OCCUPATION."

8. IN PRIVATE, PRO-JORDANIAN MODERATES HAVE ALSO CASTIGATED THE GOI DECISION AND SAID THEY HAD EXPECTED AS MUCH.

9. ALSO PRIVATELY, MAYOR MULHIM OF HALHUL TOLD CONGEN THAT THE COMMON PEOPLE HAD ENTERTAINED NO GREAT EXPECTATIONS FROM THE CABINET DEBATE. HAVING LOST HOPE LONG AGO, THEY ARE PREOCCUPIED MORE AND MORE WITH PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

10. COMMENT: CLEARLY BEGIN'S AUTONOMY PROPOSAL HAS BEEN STIGMATIZED BY LOCAL PALESTINIAN LEADERS AS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. IT NOW BECOMES VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY RESPECTABLE PALESTINIAN--BE HE MODERATE OR RADICAL--TO COOPERATE IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. BY APPEARING TO CLOSE OFF HOPE FOR AN EVENTAULA END TO THE OCCUPATION ,  
THE GOI HAS PUSHED LOCAL PALESTINIANS CLOSER TO THE PLO.

WITH THE PREVAILING MOOD, EVEN VIOLENT RESISTENCE  
TO PERCEIVED ATTEMPTS TO IMPLEMENT AUTONOMY CANNOT BE  
RULED OUT. THIS MOOD, OF COURSE, WOULD BE AFFECTED IF WE, WORKING  
WITH ISRAEL, EGYPT AND OTHERS, ARE SEEN TO BE RESTARTING  
HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT.  
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